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DATA IN A LINEAR-TYPE OR RING-TYPE NETWORK**

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the final Office Action dated October 25, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

Any fee due with this paper may be
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